

OF CHRISTMAS PAST
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It's the season of joy and celebration so what better to write about than Chrititmas past. . . great memories.

I have to suess that it was about 1937 and we wete 3t111 hi the midst of Me J)epteion. 01S Pad was emploged but it was tojk 3leddLng with 4 hid.. &tpatent3 had told'u.6 that Mete would be no l9ti.Atma pteent3 this Seat because t/ete4u3t was not enough money. 0&en at that a

va 2 knew that .Dad had bg bilLs at the two local food 3tote.. 2,z those daggou could chat e jfout putchaises and pag off the bill at tjulat intetval1.. i6o 2 was ad as wte m# btotAet and two sistati. One tiLing that would mahe me feel 6ettet bach then was to go behind a cAait in the livi'g toom and 3toop down over the hot ait vent in the froot. C2 quess the heat genetated a iootAxiV feeling. 2 believe that 2 may have 3Aed a teat ot two at that time also.

2 temembet it was mid motning, Cktistmas0Dag whze.n Mete was a hnoch at the doot. do out 3ut1oti3e, on opening out doot, iifat and ot4, two oldet cousin, stood thete holding atmb full ofgift. 9